

(2) Disbursing loan and loan deficiency payment proceeds;

(3) Handling reconcentration of cotton under § 1427.16;

(4) Accepting loan repayments;

(5) Handling documents involved with forfeiture of loan collateral to CCC; and

(6) Providing loan, loan deficiency payment, and accounting data to CCC for statistical purposes.

*Northern Europe current price* means the average for the preceding Friday through Thursday of the current shipment prices for the five lowest-priced growths of the growths quoted for M  $1\frac{3}{32}$ -inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe.

*Northern Europe forward price* means the average for the preceding Friday through Thursday of the forward shipment prices for the five lowest-priced growths of the growths quoted for M  $1\frac{3}{32}$ -inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe.

*Northern Europe price* means, during the period in which only one daily price quotation is available for the growth quoted for M  $1\frac{3}{32}$ -inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe, the average of the price quotations for the preceding Friday through Thursday of the five lowest-priced growths of the growths quoted for M  $1\frac{3}{32}$ -inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe.

*Reconcentration* means the process for moving a warehouse stored loan commodity to another warehouse location.

*Seed cotton* means cotton which has not passed through the ginning process.

*U.S. Northern Europe current price* means the average for the preceding Friday through Thursday of the current shipment prices for the lowest-priced United States growth as quoted for M  $1\frac{3}{32}$ -inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe.

*U.S. Northern Europe forward price* means the average for the preceding Friday through Thursday of the forward shipment prices for the lowest-priced United States growth as quoted for M  $1\frac{3}{32}$ -inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe.

*U.S. Northern Europe price* means, during the period in which only one daily price quotation is available for the United States growths quoted for

M  $1\frac{3}{32}$ -inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe, the average of the price quotations for the preceding Friday through Thursday of the lowest-priced United States growth as quoted for M  $1\frac{3}{32}$ -inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe.

*Upland cotton* means planted and stub cotton which is produced in the United States from other than pure strain varieties of the Barbados species, any hybrid thereof, or any other variety of cotton which one or more of these varieties predominate.

*Warehouse receipt* means a receipt containing the required information prescribed in this part and is:

(1) A pre-numbered, pre-punched negotiable warehouse receipt issued under the authority of the U.S. Warehouse Act, a state licensing authority, or by an approved CCC warehouse in such format authorized and approved, in advance, by CCC;

(2) An electronic warehouse receipt record issued by such warehouse recorded in a central filing system or systems maintained in one or more locations that are approved by FSA to operate such system; or

(3) Other such acceptable evidence of title, as determined by CCC.

#### § 1427.4 Eligible producer.

(a) To be an eligible producer, the producer must:

(1) Be an individual, partnership, association, corporation, estate, trust, State or political subdivision or agency thereof, or other legal entity that produces cotton as a landowner, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper;

(2) Comply with all provisions of this part; and

(i) 7 CFR part 12—Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation;

(ii) 7 CFR part 718—Provisions Applicable to Multiple Programs;

(iii) 7 CFR part 1400—Payment Limitation and Payment Eligibility;

(iv) 7 CFR part 1403—Debt Settlement Policies and Procedures; and

(v) 7 CFR part 1405—Loans, Purchases and Other Operations; and

(3) Have made an acreage certification with respect to all the cropland on the farm.

(b) A receiver or trustee of an insolvent or bankrupt debtor's estate, an

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executor or an administrator of a deceased person's estate, a guardian of an estate of a ward or an incompetent person, and trustees of a trust estate shall be considered to represent the insolvent or bankrupt debtor, the deceased person, the ward or incompetent, and the beneficiaries of a trust, respectively. The production of the receiver, executor, administrator, guardian, or trustee shall be considered to be the production of the person or estate represented by the receiver, executor, administrator, guardian, or trust. Loan and loan deficiency payment documents executed by any such person will be accepted by CCC only if they are legally valid and such person has the authority to sign the applicable documents.

(c) A minor who is otherwise an eligible producer shall be eligible to receive loans and loan deficiency payments only if the minor meets one of the following requirements:

(1) The right of majority has been conferred on the minor by court proceedings or by statute;

(2) A guardian has been appointed to manage the minor's property and the applicable loan or loan deficiency payment documents are signed by the guardian;

(3) Any note and security agreement or loan deficiency payment application signed by the minor is co-signed by a person determined by CCC to be financially responsible; or

(4) A bond is furnished under which a surety guarantees to protect CCC from any loss incurred for which the minor would be liable had the minor been an adult.

(d)(1) If more than one producer executes a note and security agreement with CCC, each such producer shall be jointly and severally liable for the violation of the terms and conditions of the note and the regulations in this part. Each such producer shall also remain liable for repayment of the entire marketing assistance loan amount until the loan is fully repaid without regard to such producer's claimed share in the commodity pledged as collateral for the loan. In addition, such producer may not amend the note and security agreement with respect to the producer's claimed share in such com-

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modities, or loan proceeds, after execution of the note and security agreement by CCC.

(2) The cotton in a bale may have been produced by two or more eligible producers on one or more farms if the bale is not a repacked bale.

(e) A CMA may obtain a marketing assistance loan and loan deficiency payments on eligible cotton on behalf of its members who are eligible to receive loans or loan deficiency payments for a crop of cotton. For purposes of this subpart, the term "producer" includes a CMA.

(f) In case of death, incompetency, or disappearance of any producer who is entitled to the payment of any sum in settlement of a marketing assistance loan or loan deficiency payment, payment shall, upon application to CCC, be made to the persons who would be entitled to the producer's payment under the regulations contained in part 707 of this title.

### § 1427.5 General eligibility requirements.

(a) To receive loans or loan deficiency payments for a crop of cotton, a producer must execute a note and security agreement or loan deficiency payment application on or before May 31 of the year following the year in which such crop is normally harvested.

(1) Form A loan documents or loan deficiency payment applications must be signed by the applicant and submitted to CCC or a loan servicing agent. Submissions by cotton clerks must occur within 15 calendar days after the producer signs the forms and within the period of loan availability. A producer, except for a CMA, must request loans and loan deficiency payments:

(i) At the county office that is responsible under part 718 of this title for administering programs for the farm on which the cotton was produced; or

(ii) From a loan servicing agent.

(2) Form G loan documents and requests for loan deficiency payments by a CMA must be signed by the CMA and delivered to CCC or the cotton commercial bank within the period of loan availability.